

Claims

- [c1] A combination surgical drape and blanket for patient temperature management, comprising:
- a substrate formed of a flexible material;
 - said substrate having a main body adapted to overlie a patient, said substrate having a width and length sufficient to cover the shoulders, chest, torso, and legs of said patient;
 - said substrate having a pair of arm-covering members connected to and extending from said main body on opposite sides thereof;
 - a flexible sheet of material that overlies said substrate;
 - a plurality of interconnecting members for interconnecting said substrate and said flexible sheet of material, each interconnecting member joining said substrate and said flexible sheet of material together at a point so that said substrate and flexible sheet of material are unconnected to one another around each point;
 - an air inlet that admits air into a space between said substrate and said flexible sheet of material, said air inlet adapted to admit warm compressed air from a remote source of warm compressed air into said space between said substrate and said flexible sheet of material;
 - a plurality of small vent holes formed in said flexible sheet of material to enable warm compressed air in said space to exhaust therefrom;
 - a removably mounted panel formed in said main body, said removably mounted panel including a section of said substrate and said flexible sheet of material bonded to one another at a peripheral edge of said panel so that said panel is not in fluid communication with said inlet means so that when said panel is removed, compressed warm air continues to flow throughout said arm-covering members and all parts of said main body outside the boundary of said removable panel;
 - whereby said combination surgical drape and blanket performs the function of a surgical drape when disposed in overlying relation to patient;
 - whereby said combination surgical drape and blanket performs the function of a blanket when warm compressed air is admitted into said space;
 - whereby removal of said removable panel exposes a part of the patient's body

to which access is needed for a surgical procedure.

[c2] The combination surgical drape and blanket of claim 1, further comprising:
a concavity formed in said main body in a transversely disposed edge thereof,
said concavity adapted to receive a patient's head;
a flexible shield of rectangular construction connected at a first edge to said
main body and having a second edge opposite to said first edge adapted to be
connected to a support means at a point above said patient's head so that said
shield is disposed at an angle over said patient's head;
a rigid platform member disposed in overlying relation to said flexible shield;
at least one clamp secured to said platform, said at least one clamp adapted to
hold a tool deposited atop said platform;
whereby a tool deposited atop said platform and held by said at least one clamp
does not roll down said platform and is therefore available for use.

[c3] The combination surgical drape and blanket of claim 2, wherein said at least
one clamp includes at least one pair of laterally spaced apart clamps so that a
first end of a tool is supported by a first clamp of said at least one pair of
clamps and so that a second end of said tool is supported by a second clamp of
said at least one pair of clamps.

[c4] The combination surgical drape and blanket of claim 3, wherein each clamp of
said at least one pair of laterally spaced apart clamps is hingedly mounted to
said rigid platform so that it is storable atop said rigid platform in a folded
configuration when not in use and is positioned in upstanding relation to said
rigid platform when disposed in an operable configuration.

[c5] The combination surgical blanket and drape of claim 1, further comprising a
pair of bifurcated leg-covering members that extend from said main body, each
leg member of said pair of leg members having a structure like that of said
main body and said arm-covering members so that the legs of said patient are
individually warmed and draped.

[c6] The combination surgical drape and blanket of claim 1, further comprising:
an elongate tube;

